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The Mayorality.

Having been requested by a large number of Electors of the City of Victoria to offer myself as a candidate for the Mayorality, I beg to submit myself to your suffrages.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Victoria, B.C., December, 1895. d30

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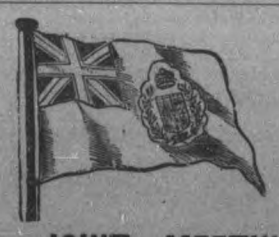

A JOINT MEETING

Of All Mr. Templeman's

Ward Committees

and Workers, will be held at the

Central Committee Rooms

No. 42 Broad St.,

THIS EVENING

at 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

The effort to look pleasant must be a terrible strain on the Colonel these days

THE BUBBLE IS BURST.

Col. Prior is Not, and Cannot be a Cabinet Minister, and He Knows It,

So Long as He is Controller—No Amount of Telegrams Can Change It.

Cabinet Ministers Are Not Appointed by Order-in-Council, Like Clerks.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—I have seen the order-in-council which Lord Aberdeen has approved, and it appoints Col. Prior controller of inland revenue and a member of the Privy Council of Canada.

That is what I have said from the beginning; that is what the official Gazette says, and any amount of campaign telegrams from ministers and false statements by their supporters cannot change the record. This gives Col. Prior $5000 a year and the prefix "Hon."; it gives the province nothing. Col. Prior will not be a Privy Councillor until he takes the oath. Cabinet ministers are not appointed by order-in-council. Col. Prior should know he is not a cabinet minister, and that he cannot be one as long as he is controller.

CUBAN INSURRECTION

Only Conflicting Reports Heard of the Positions of the Opposing Forces.

Spanish Busy Fortifying Havana—The Insurgents Said to Have Cienfugos.

Havana, Dec. 30.—Late this afternoon it was announced that that the main body of the insurgents have passed through Amarillas, on the borders of Matanzas and Santa Clara, and, according to the last advices from the front, the insurgents were at Jaguey Chico, on the other side of the Matanzas border, and in the province of Santa Clara. They are said to have burned the railway stations. It is added that on many plantations in Matanzas, the planters have commenced grinding the burned sugar cane.

At Calabazas, in the Sangua la Lande district of the province of Santa Clara, the troops recently killed eleven insurgents and made several prisoners.

The report was received here this afternoon to the effect that the last of the forces of the insurgents had succeeded in effecting a countermarch to the province of Santa Clara, and that all the forces of Gomez have now retired from the province of Matanzas. A column of the Spanish troops recently engaged in battle and dispersed at Puerial, a band of the insurgents. Another is, however, reported to have taken up a position on the other side of the river Sagua. It is reported here that General Gomez and General Maceo, at the head of the insurgents, are now moving rapidly in the direction of the town of Cienfugeos, in the southern part of the province of Santa Clara, and it is feared by the Spanish officers that the Cubans hope to bring about the capture of the town of Cienfuegos, thus giving the insurgents what they are said to most desire at present, a port city.

London, Dec. 30.—A Havana dispatch says the insurgents who recently invaded the province of Matanzas, are retreating, having recently met with slight reverses. The dispatch says that General Jose Maceo, one of the Cuban commanders, has fled.

It is reported here that the insurgent forces have taken up a line of retreat from about the city of Matanzas through Sierra Navajas and Corral Falso in the direction of Jaguey Grand in the southern part of Matanzas. This is beyond Union Reyes, where it was reported that the Spanish troops were being concentrated, to cut off their retreat.

The insurgent leader Acebo has been executed at Cienfuegos.

The state of excitement which has prevailed here since the insurgent army under Gomez and Maceo entered the province of Matanzas, continues to-day, and is heightened by the unsatisfactory reports obtainable from the front. The Spanish authorities insist that the insurgents are in retreat, and yet Captain General Martinez de Campos is still here, and the work of fortifying Havana and vicinity continues without interruption. According to official advices, Maceo is at the plantation of Elimpo, north of Jovenallos, the town from which Campos retreated on Lampinore.

HOGMANAY SOCIAL & CONCERT.

Sir William Wallace Society.

TUESDAY, 31st DECEMBER. 8 p.m, Admission, 25 Cents.

VENEZUELAN COMMISSION.

Two Judges of the Supreme Court Requested to Act.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—Hon. Richard Alvey, chief justice of the United States court of appeals in the District of of Columbia, has been requested by President Cleveland to become a member of the Venezuelan commission. The proposition took Judge Alvey by surprise. He begged for time to consider the matter. This the President has granted, and Judge Alvey now has the matter under consideration.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Justice Dwyer, of the supreme court, has been tendered and has accepted a place on the Venezuelan commission.

Although not a man of national prominence, Judge Alvey is recognized by all who knew him as one of the ablest lawyers in the country. He stands especially high in the esteem of the bench, bar and laity of this section, where his wisdom and integrity are known through long service in the courts of Maryland and District of Columbia. In addition to a great knowledge of law, he is a fine linguist, and is said to be specially familiar with the Spanish, German and French languages.

PARSON BLACKMAIL

A Big Scandal in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco.

The Parson Paid Hush Money, and Took a Receipt for Future Reference.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary Davidson was arrested on Saturday on the complaint of Rev. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational church, on a charge of extortion and she has been unable to obtain bail.

Mrs. Davidson taught a class in the Sunday school of the church, which is one of the largest and most fashionable in the city, so that the arrest caused great astonishment in church circles. She adheres to her original statement with regard to Dr. Brown's alleged offenses and says that although she may be sent to the state prison, she believes her charges against the minister will ultimately be verified. Dr. Brown, on the other hand, as steadfastly denies the accusations made against him, and declares that he will exert every effort to send Mrs. Davidson to San Quentin.

Mrs. Davidson says she has long been aware of improper relations between Mr. Brown and Miss Overman. She said: "Dr. Brown called upon me and often asked me to pray for him. I promised to do so. Mrs. Mason, a member of the church, came to me one day and suggested that we should go down to the church at 10 every morning to pray for Dr. Brown and the congregation. We went to church as suggested but Dr. Brown did not receive us in the manner a true Christian would have done. He seemed annoyed at our actions. He called upon me again in my place of business and asked me to go with him to the Y. M. C. A. building, as he wished to speak to me privately. I thought it a strange request. I knew no one there, and had never been there. I accompanied him, however. He introduced me to the secretary, Mr. McCoy, as one of his Christian women. He then asked Mr. McCoy for the use of a private room. Dr. Brown swung the door backwards, but did not completely close it. It was there he told me that his passion for Miss Overman was consuming him so that he said he would be willing to give up family, profession and everything for her. I was greatly shocked and again counselled with him, warning him of his danger. Once more I advised him as a mother. I told him he should see the danger before it was too late."

"Mrs. Davidson's defamation of my character is utterly inconsistent with my actions for the past year," said Dr. Brown. "She says she knew of my infamous relations with this girl. If she did, why did she walk, talk, and worship with any woman guilty of such a crime?

She says she knew I was not morally fit to occupy the position of a pastor of my church, yet she was one of the women who went about singing my praise to the trustees, deacons and other officials of the First Congregational church. It may seem strange that I have given her any money, but when I think of it, or figure it out logically, you will readily see that there was no other course to pursue. If I had not given her money and secured a signed receipt, she would probably have gone about circulating infamous lies about me and I would have had nothing to show how she first came to me with the same story for the purpose of extortion. Now I have a receipt and have positive as well as legal evidence to prove her true character. She was not aware that when she was signing that bit of paper the she was sealing the warrant that will send her to states prison, where she and all her kind belong. Miss Overman will tell her story in the court room. She will take the stand and proclaim her innocence. She will tell all she knows of the diabolical plot of a pretended friend to ruin me."

Dr. Brown is one of the most prominent ministers in the city, and is well known on the Pacific coast. He was formerly identified in religious works at Battle Creek, Mich., and Dubuque, Ohio.

If Chinamen could only vote, what an army the friends of Col. Prior would muster at the polls!

APPEALING TO RELIGION

Government Supporters in Jacques Cartier Leave no Stone Unturned.

Sir Charles Tupper Boasts That the Government Controls all the Provinces.

It Remains for British Columbia to Show if She is Controlled Also.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Montreal Gazette, the Toronto World and other leading Tory organs acknowledge that as the government is committed, big and little, to remedial legislation, its end is near.

Sir Charles Tupper says: "The government can carry out its will in any province in the Dominion." He spoke thus in Montreal Centre, so that British Columbia is defied, as well as Manitoba, in the government programme. The Toronto World asks for a new leader who is not committed to remedial legislation. If British Columbia should reject Controller Prior, then we would likely hear the last of remedial legislation.

In Jacues Cartier to-day the government supporters are circulating flysheets asking the electors to vote for the policy of the government, as its policy is that of the church.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—L'Evenment, of Quebec, the French organ of the Taillon government, declares it is in a position to state positively that Hon. L. P. Pelletier refused to accept a seat in the Bowell cabinet. He was at first disposed to accept in order to relieve the Ottawa government of embarrassment, but, being a friend and partizan of Mr. Angers, he refused to do so, when he found the majority of Mr. Angers' friends opposed to making the slightest concessions before the promised remedial legislation is before parliament.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The Conservatives of Winnipeg have decided to contest three city constituencies at the approaching elections. A mass meeting of electors opposed to the general policy of the Greenway government will be held Thursday night to nominate opposition candidates for the three electoral divisions of the city. Ex-Mayor Taylor's name is now freely mentioned against Mr. McIntyre in the North, Ald. Hutchings against Hon. Colonel McMillan in the Centre, while in the South the oppositionists say they have several good names under consideration. The contest in all three divisions will add much interest to the election fight.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

Mr. Charbonneau, Liberal, Elected in Jacques Cartier.

Like Montreal Centre, the Tables Have Been Turned.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Mr. Charbonneau, the Liberal candidate in Jacques Cartier, has gone in by several hundred majority, the exact figures not being obtainable at the time of sending this dispatch.

In the last election, Mr. Girouard, the Conservative candidate, defeated Mr. J. A. Madore, the Liberal, by 276 votes, the figures being: Girouard, 1379; Madore, 1103.

Total majority for Charbonneau (Lib.) in Jacques Cartier is 575.

HON. JOSEPH MARTIN COMING.

His Views on What Victorians Are Voting on Now.

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—Hon. Jos. Martin, M. P. for Winnipeg, left here this afternoon by steamer Princess Louize for Victoria.

He says the Victorians are not voting on whether or not they want a cabinet minister, but whether they want remedial legislation forced on Manitoba. Col. Prior's selection would mean the latter.

—A service of song entitled "The Child Jesus" will be held in the Victoria West Methodist church to-morrow evening. Refreshments will be served after the song service, and at 11 o'clock the watch night services will commence. There will be no charge for admission to either.

COLONEL PRIOR'S SERVILE SUPPORT

Will be Given the Coercionist Government in Whatever Measure They Bring In.

He Promises Absolute and Unquestioning Obedience to Mackenzie Bowell.

Who Was Kind Enough to Make Him Controller and Privy Councillor.

But Not a Cabinet Minister—Frosty Meeting at Esquimalt on Saturday.

Prominent Supporter Present Who Has Been Whipped Into Line, by What?

The thermometer was very low, particularly at Esquimalt, on Saturday night for the coercionist contingent from Government street, who went down to explain the cabinet ministership puzzle and other little matters.

There were less than ten persons in the hall when the Colonel and his detachment arrived, which was about half past eight o'clock. It looked as though there was going to be no show, and that the audience would be told to go to the box office and get their money back. A few of the faithful from town, sizing up the situation, went out into the highways and byways and saloons and gathered in all and sundry the number of six or seven. With this addition, together with the party from town, both Liberals and coercionists, and a number of the latter who came down on the next car, there was a fair showing, and the performance commenced at about nine o'clock.

Everything had been arranged to fit the time. There was the inevitable telegram from somewhere for Col. Prior, which arrived by semi-military messenger just at the proper moment. The man walked up the hall amid murmurs of "We's just had a wire to say so," and hands the important looking envelope to the speaker, who places it on the table and dismisses the messenger. At the next proper moment the Colonel asks to be excused while he reads the communication.

"No doubt a confirmaion of your appointment," murmurs the chairman with a vein of sarcasm in his tones.

"I don't know what it is," the Colonel volunteers. But his countenance changes as he crumples up the message and thrusts it quickly in his pocket with the remark: "Just something about another matter altogther," and proceeds with his speech, without administering the expected crushing blow to the Liberals present.

Mr. Doran, on motion, took the chair, and called upon Col. Prior to be the first speaker.

The Colonel explained that the fight was now to the finish. He saw it stated that he was afraid to invite discussion. He did not fear discussion, but he didn't see any use in going to meetings where both candidates were present; it would only result in a row and neither party would get a fair hearing. Discussing Thursday night's oppositon meeting, the Colonel referred to Senator McInnes' remarks about the vacant portfolio of agriculture. The Times had tried to make a point by saying that an Ontario man had got it. That was a very foolish statement because there had only been a transfer of offices, and there is still a vacant portfolio, which belongs to Quebec. As to Dr. Bourinot's position, Col. Prior was of opinion that it would not have been the right or proper thing for Dr. Bourinot to give Col. Prior, Senator McInnes or anyone else an opinion unless requested to do so by the government. The speaker still maintained that the premier was to be believed in the matter of the cabinet ministership before anyone else. There is not one of the eastern papers, the Colonel said, that has taken the stand that he could not be a cabinet minister and controller. He also noticed that neither of the two well known lawyers identified with the other side had touched upon this question. The Colonel held himself out as a faithful follower of the government; he intended to be so as long as he was elected, and he didn't go a cent on a man who did not stand and fall by his party. When the Colonel got the offer of the position he telegraphed his acceptance, and afterwards wrote stating the doubt that existed. He then told Sir Mackenzie Bowell that if the position offered was not cabinet representation, he would not accept it. He was still of that opinion and would prefer, if necessary, to accept the cabinet representation without a portfolio. Coming to the Senator's reference to the B. C. B. G. A., the Colonel said that the Senator knew it was not the fault of the government that there was not a proper range, as committees have tried at various times to find a range, and have not been able to do it. The Col also repudiated the statement that 75 per cent. of the B. C. B. G. A. did not know how to load a rifle. No doubt he would be expected to say something on the trade question and the school matter, as well as the general policy of the government. He noticed several young opposition lawyers there, but he was not afraid of them, and if they came there to create a disturbance tonight they would find that they had made a mistake. (City Conservative applause.)

This remark was totally uncalled for, as the gentlemen referred to had made no movement or remark that could be set down as or construed into a desire to create disturbance. Mr. Archer Martin resented the Colonel's reference. He had, Mr. Martin said, no right to make such a remark. The Col. remarked that Mr. Martin was "starting in now," but Mr. Martin defended himself and companions by showing that the Col. had commenced the attack in an altogether uncalled for manner.

Continuing, Col. Prior said he had been, and still intended to be, a supporter of the government that goes in for protection. (No applause.) He had always believed that the protective policy of the government was the best for this country (no applause), and he honestly believed that the Conservative government had done more in one year in building railroads than the Liberal government had done in all their five years of power. (No applause.) The national debt had been increased, it is true, but the Col. claimed that there were solid assets to show for it, and the Colonel also quoted the oft-repeated statement about the rosy condition of the credit of the country. He defied the Liberals to show where the government had not administered the affairs of the country ably and honestly. (Laughter.) There might be a few bad men here and there; there always are in all parties; but statements about boodling came with a very bad grace from a party that had as allies such men as Tarte and McShane, the latter of whom was picked to pieces for the meeting, but there was no applause. At the risk of being accused of offering bribes to the electors, he would say that what we want here is railroad extension. The Liberals, he said, did not give the members from British Columbia any assistance in this direction in the house, and the Col. quoted Sir Richard Cartwright as one of the chief opponents of British Columbia railway extension. He was not ashamed to look at what has been done by the government for British Columbia. (More laughter.) There is the new postoffice, for which he claimed credit, but he said nothing about postal salaries. At the risk of offering another bribe, he would say that he had assurances, as far as assurances go, that this session there would be a subsidy granted to the E. & N. railway. ("Oh.") Referring to the trade question again, the Colonel held that without protection the Albion Iron Works, the pickle, fruit and soap factories in Victoria could not exist. He referred in comparison to the States before 1892, under the protective regime, and its condition at the present time, which he attributed to the departure from a protective policy. It was his firm belief that a similar state of affairs would exist in Canada under the same circumstances. Although respecting Mr. Laurier as a gentleman (cheers), it was not possible to know where he was on either the school or trade question.

Coming to the school question, the Col practically repeated his views and intentions as already reported; namely that he would support the government in upholding the constitution as he had come to the conclusion that in passing the remedial order, the government were simply carrying out a duty they owe to the minority. There was no coercion at all about it.

How much the Col. really knew of the policy of the government on this question in the past, and how much he knew about the intentions of the same government, which he proposes to blindly support, was cleverly elicited by Mr. Archer Martin, who put a few pointed questions to him.

The first query was: 1. Is not the Bowell government pledged to enforce the remedial order against Manitoba at the coming session of 2nd January?

The Col. gave an Irish answer: "Do you know what the remedial order is?"

Mr. Martin—Certainly I do. Can you answer me whether or not the government you support is pledged to enforce the remedial order?

Col. Prior—Not that I know of.

Mr Martin, reading from a report in the Montreal Gazette of a speech by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, quoted as follows: "There was no one," contended Sir Charles, "who could say that the government was not pledged up to the handle to introduce and enact remedial legislation on the lines of the remedial order of March last."

Col. Prior, in a reluctant tone, admitted: "I expect they are, if that is the case."

Mr. Martin—Then is your answer that they are pledged?

Col. Prior—To enforce the remedial order?

Mr. Martin—Yes? Col. Prior—Yes.

Mr. Martin—Did not Mr. Clarke Wallace, late controller of customs under the Bowell government, resign his position rather than enforce the remedial order?

Col. Prior—Yes.

Mr. Martin—If you go to Ottawa as M. P. for Victoria, will you support the Bowell government in enforcing the remedial order against the wishes of the people of Manitoba?

Col. Prior.—No, you don't get a straight answer to that.

Mr. Martin.—It's time we did, then.

Col. Prior.—You don't catch me in any of your little "quirks" and "quibbles."

Col. Prior held that such a question was absurd, as no one knew what course the government is going to take, and that it was absurd to talk about supporting a bill that no one knew anything about. The government, he held, (forgetting that it is pledged irrevocably to remedial legislation) might not demand separate schools. They might only desire religious instruction, for, say an hour for the different creeds, but being pressed for a straight answer, he replied:

"I AM PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT IN WHATEVER THEY BRING DOWN. I HAVE MADE NO SECRET OF IT."

THE LIBERAL LEADER.

Mr. Martin.—Against the wish of the people of Manitoba?

Col. Prior.—I answered before that until that bill is brought down no one knows what it will be, but WHATEVER MEASURE THE BOWELL GOVERNMENT BRINGS DOWN, I AM GOING TO SUPPORT IT.

Mr. Martin.—Should Manitoba refuse to comply with the remedial order or any act of parliament, how do you propose to enforce compliance?

Col. Prior.—I have no idea.

This closed Col. Prior's catechism and confession of absolute, blind and unconditional faith.

Hon. Dr. Helmcken was next called upon, and was received with the usual warmth accorded to him. He was for B. C. first and foremost, and he was of opinion that as the school question was Manitoba's quarrel, she should fight it out herself. British Columbia had enough to do to look after her own business, and let Manitoba do as she pleases. It was time enough to discuss the school question when it is found out what the government intend to do. It was very undesirable to bring in any inducence to stir up any religious animosities, said the venerable doctor, who has all along unconsciously condemned the men he is supporting in this campaign.

Dr. Helmcken spoke warmly on these lines and was loudly applauded by the Conservative contingent from the Adelphi block, who, after stirring up the fire, are now frightened at the flames they have kindled, and would do anything to shirk their responsibility or sidetrack the question.

Mr. A. E. McPhillips followed in an address on the school question, in the course of which he reviewed the history and legislation of the subject. Although a Catholic, he claimed to be absolutely unbiassed on the matter. He prefaced his remarks, however, by a certificate of character for the Conservative party, whom he held up as paragons of honor, honesty and statesmanship, while there was nothing whatever to say for the Liberal party. Practically the same ground was traversed as fully outlined in Mr. Bodwell's speech, to which Mr. McPhillips paid a high tribute. He held, however, that the government was not bound to re-establish separate schools, and denied that the schools under the old system were inefficient, (probably referring to those at Winnipeg and St. Boniface.) The government were simply carrying out the order of the privy council, Mr. McPhillips claimed, and therefore the premier was only acting up to the constitution.

Dr. Helmcken rose at this point to say that, so far as the cabinet ministership is concerned, he had full confidence in the premier that he WILL carry out to the full his intention to give this country a cabinet minister.

Mr. E. Crowe Baker made a short speech composed of those "glittering generalities," which the coercionist party find so obnoxious in their opponents. Mr. Baker accepted, without question, the cabinet minister fiasco; he supported the stand on the school question, which he deemed a side issue altogether, and without directly saying so, conveyed the impression that he is once more in line with the party and any differences that may have existed have been patched up in face of the common danger.

Mr. E. A. Lewis declaimed at some length, and got some slight present reward from his companions from town.

Mr. Earle unconditionally endorsed what his colleague had said on the trade and school questions. As to the former he looked upon it as the only cure for any national ailment, Protection above all and before all, and he hoped at the general elections, not far distant, to be able to discuss these questions more fully when he hoped he would not be left so late on the programme. (laughter.) The Liberal leader had been as vacillating on the school as on the trade question, and Mr. Earle would defy anyone to produce any utterance of Mr. Laurier's on it.

Mr. Martin.—I've got one.

Mr. Earle.—Where is it?

Mr. Martin, holding up a paper—Right here; do you want to see it? (Laughter.)

Mr. Earle.—No; I don't.

Mr. Martin.—You bet you don't; and you don't want to hear it either. (Great laughter.)

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken looked upon the offer of cabinet representation, which he still believed in, as one most materially affecting the loyalty of this constituency, and he was surprised to find any opposition. Mr. Helmcken also touched on the school question on the same lines as Mr. McPhillips. This, however, he only looked upon as a side issue and made only a general reference to Mr. Bedwell's speech on the subject, and he held, like Mr. McPhillips, the view that there is a judgment of the privy council which must be carried out.

Mr. Martin pointed out where Mr. Helmcken was mistaken in this, as well as in his understanding of the different statutes.

Mr. A. E. Lewis, with a seraph-like smile, announced to the audience, who had now turned to leave the hall, that he had a motion to make. This, after some introductory remarks, he evolved into a motion pledging the meeting to support the Colonel and coercion, but some one shouted "Three Cheers for Templeman," which were given with a will, followed by three cheers of much less volume, by the coercionists from town, for Col. Prior. Mr. Lewis' chance for gaining immortality was lost, for his motion was not even put, but all joined in a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

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—A social dance and supper will be given by Valhalla to the members and friends on New Year's Eve.

—Mrs. J. H. Turner met with a painful accident on Friday last. She fell and fractured her wrist, also injuring her head.

—Hope lodge No. 1, Degree of Honor, will give a leap year ball in the A. O. U. W. hall on Friday evening. Richardson's orchestra will furnish the music.

—Mr. F. J. Claxton has received a letter from Montreal in which were enclosed two pansies which had been plucked in full bloom, in Montreal on the 21st of the present month.

—The Association football match between the Nanaimo Swifts and Y.M.C.A. on Saturday resulted in a draw, both sides scoring two points. Victoria defeated the navy at Rugby and Victoria's second eleven defeated the battalion.

—A repetition of the annual athletic and gymnastic exhibition was given at the Y. M. C. A. concert on Saturday night. The Nanaimo Swifts were present as guests of the association and thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

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—Mrs. Spofford delivered an interesting address at Saturday night's popular concert in Temperance hall. The following programme was also rendered: Comic songs, Bros. McIlvier Fleming; duet, Aylmore and Black; recitations, Brother Culpin, Miss Kirkendale and Mr. G. Kirkendale.

—The result of the Victoria Golf Club's fourth monthly handicap resulted as follows on Saturday: A Class—W. A. Ward (score 101—received 5), 96; and C. Stahlschmidt (score 117—received 10), 107; Worsfold, Combe, Van Millingen, Oliver and Irvine returning no scores. B Class—Dr. Bell (116—received 16), 100; W. H. Langley (107—scratch), 107; G. S. Holt (113—received 14), 124. There will be a handicap sweepstakes match on Wednesday.

—Officers of Vancouver Lodge, No. 5, A. O. U. W., were elected as follow: M. W., H. C. Edwards; P. M. W., D. Fulton; foreman, Capt. Cavin; overseer, T. Haughton; recorder, J. Critchley; financier, W. Jackson; receiver, R. Seabrooke; guide, A. Townley; I. W., D. Critchley; O. W., J. F. Silver; surgeons, Dr. Fraser and Dr. E. Hall; G. L. delegates, W. Jackson and J. Critchley. A public installation will be held on Jan. 10th to which members of sister lodges and Degree of Honor lodges are invited. Committees were appointed to arrange for the entertainment of Grand Lodge delegates in March and for the memorial service to be held on January 18th.

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THE RURAL DISTRICT

Two Successful District Meetings Held by Mr. Templeman on Saturday

The Farmers Evince a Great Interest in the Manitoba School Question.

Mr. Templeman, the opposition candidate, accompanied by Dr. Milne, Messrs. Marchant, Ledingham and Fisher, paid a visit to the farmers of Metchosin and Parson's Bridge on Saturday. A meeting was held in the public hall, Metchosin at 2 o'clock, which, on account of the time of holding the meeting, was not largely attended, there being about fifteen electors present. These were some of the principal farmers of Metchosin and they evinced a keen interest, not only in the Manitoba school question, but also in the trade question, as they have discovered that the "national policy has not made them rich."

Mr. E. S. Field, who was voted to the chair, thanked Mr. Templeman and the others who were to address them for their presence. Owing to the false statements made by Conservative speakers regarding the trade policy of the opposition, some of the farmers had become alarmed, being afraid that this policy would be detrimental o their interests, but when the truth is known, when the Liberal policy was clearly placed before the farmers, he was sure that they would see that it was more to their advantage than that promulgated by the Conservatives. Mr. Field was sure that no honest elector could support a party who allowed such corruption within its ranks that would endeavor to shield scoundrels like McGreevy and Connolly. Mr. Field referred to the Manitoba school question. He believed that while every man had a right to worship God as his conscience dictated, the schools should all be free from sectarianism. Separate schools had a tendency to create differences among the people. As matters relating to education were under the direct control of the province, he could not see where the federal government had any right to interfere and hoped that the electors of this district would vote for a man pledged to support provincial rights. Mr. Field noticed that Col. Prior would not allow opposition speakers to address those present at his meeting, nor did he believe in joint meetings, but the electors of Metchosin believed in British fair play, and would like to hear the important issues discussed by both parties at the same meeting. This was peculiarly desirable in a sparsely settled district like Metchosin, as it was inconvenient for the people to attend many public meetings. He also referred to the prohibition question and severely condemned the action of the government in this important matter, while he supported the policy of the Liberals in desiring a plebiscite. He then asked Dr. Milne to address the meeting.

Dr. Milne took up the trade policy from a farmer's standpoint and showed that while Col. Prior and his satellites were saying that the Liberal party would ruin the farmers they were still supporting a government who were subsidizing an Australian line of steamers to carry the products of the farmers of Australia to compete with the farmers of this province. The government at Ottawa were also anxious to allow Australian products free of duty, as was shown by the agreement drawn up by Messrs. Bowell and Foster on behalf of the Dominion government and Mr. Ward, who was representing New Zealand. Dr. Milne also showed that the policy of the Conservative party was not in the interests of the farmers but the manufacturers.

Mr. Templeman was well received. He dealt with the Manitoba school question, maintaining that since Col. Prior had secured the controllership of customs through the resignation of Clarke Wallace, that since he had repeated publicly that he would support the Dominion government in its policy of coercion, and since the coming session was called solely to deal with such legislation, the issue of this contest was the Manitoba school question. He then gave a short account of the history of the question, showing that the judgment of the privy council did not compell the Dominion government to deal with the matter. If the farmers of Metchosin believed in coercing a sister province they should support Col. Prior. If they believed in allowing each province to look after its own educational affairs they should support Mr. Templeman. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Marchant also dealt with the trade question. The Conservative goverment were always anxious to reduce the tariff on those products the farmers had to sell as was shown with the agreement with New Zealand described by Dr. Milne. They were also anxious to increase the tariff on those articles which the farmers required to benefit the manufacturers who met in the Red Parlor previous to election to furnish the government of the Dominion with funds to corrupt the electors. Is such a policy in the interest of the farmers? (Loud cheers.) Mr. Marchant's address was a masterly and convincing effort and did much to remove the false impressions created in the minds of the farmers by the specious arguments of the Conservative speakers.

Mr. J. H. Smart moved that the meeting tender a vote of thanks to Mr. Templeman and the other speakers for their excellent and convincing addresses on the political issues. The resolution was carried unanimously. Afther a vote of thanks to the chair the meeting adjourned.

PARSON'S BRIDGE.

Beginning at 8 o'clock the same evening a meeting was held in Price's hall, Parson's Bridge. The audience was a thoroughly representative one, including nearly every elector in the vicinity. Mr. W. Scaife occupied the chair and Messrs. Templeman, Milne and Marchant were the speakers. Mr. Templeman again dealt with the Manitoba school question, and when he stated that he would oppose the coercion of a province whether such coercion came from the Conservative or Liberal party, he was greeted with rounds of applause that plainly showed that the electors of Parson's Bridge are alive to the great importance of this question.

Dr. Milne dealt with the trade question, and Mr. Marchant graphically described the boodling operations of the Conservative party. Col. Prior tried to score a point by stating that more Liberal members were unseated after the last election for bribery. Admitting it to be true, such conduct was to be condemned, but they were using their own means for such purposes, but men like McGreevy, Connolly, St. Louis, and Caron filched with the connivance of the government, from the exchequer of the Dominon for the purpose of corrupting the electors. To use private means for corrupt purposes was to be deplored, but to steal the people's money for a like purpose was infinitely worse. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks to the chair brought the meeting to a close, after which a number of the electors met Mr. Templeman and tendered him their support.

KARMA.

The Theosophical Doctrine Expounded in Yesterday's Lecture.

"Karma" was the subject of last evening's public lecture at the Theosophical Society's rooms. Broad street. The lecturer said: Karma, in the words of everyday life, is the law of cause and effect. We know that in ordinary life similar causes, acting under similar conditions, always produce the same effects. And if a person sets the causes in action, the results must follow, whether he knows what they will be or not. The law acts blindly. If a person fall into the sea, whether he be saint, sinner, suicide or child, the result of lengthened immersion will be death; and the same law that applies to bodily things also applies to spiritual. On the spiritual and moral planes of nature, the causes with which we have to deal are thoughts. Thoughts are things and can be seen by persons who are naturally clairvoyant. As we go through life we are continually making thought-forms, every one of which is a cause, and every one of which must persist until it can be negatived by the proper effect, or by a thought form of equal power and opposite tendency. If we make positive electricity, no power on earth can destroy it except by bringing it into contact with an equal amount of negative force. Therefore every man must be surrounded by a perfect cloud of thought-forms, and we know that many of our thoughts never find fruition in this life. At death the accumulated thoughts of the life-time cling to the individuality, and when the time for re-incarnation comes they form the pattern or mould on which the new personality is built.

SATURDAY'S STOCK MARKET.

The Trading on Both Sides Was Dull and Cautious.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Evening Post, in its financial article, says: If to-day's security market was a fair basis for reckoning, New York believes that the mooted government loan will restore the situation to equilibrium. London does not increase either selling terms loan, nor the provisions for payment to the treasury, nor the source from which the gold is to be obtained. It would be premature to guess which judgment is correct. As to the natural course of prices in case the loan is not all that the optimists expect, there can be no doubt whatever. Europeans sold stocks at the opening to-day on the basis of its own lower level for Americans. The programme of the London settlement indeed shows clearly that the short interest pure and simple is eliminated. Under this, selling prices declined a quarter to three-quarter points on our own exchange, but recovered when the foreign selling ceased as a rule at a fractional advance. Trading on both sides was dull and cautious.

GERMAN OFFCIAL OPINION.

On the Venezuelan Question is of a Non-Committal Sort.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—German feeling in the Venezuelan question seems to be veering around, although the government yet studiously refrains from an expression of opinion. From an official of the foreign office, however, it has been learned that several diplomatic attempts have been made by Great Britain during the past week to get Germany to join in a movement looking to a combined European diplomatic action opposed to the Monroe doctrine. These efforts have thus far met with non-committal answers, and, unless things assume a much more serious aspect, Germany will keep officially aloof from the whole question. Popular feeling is certainly more favorable to the United States, as the cause of the whole trouble is coming to be understood.

A few days ago his majesty received Dr. Wiegand, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Co., Admiral Von Hollman, the imperial secretary of the navy, and Admiral Sanden-Bibran, chief of the marine cabinet, to hear the detailed report of the plans of the new North German Lloyd steamers, now building at Stettin, which, with the steamers of the same company at present undergoing reconstruction, will be built on plans and lines designed to make them serviceable in war time as auxiliary cruisers. The emperor shows himself to be thoroughly informed on all points of architecture.

An alleged expression of his majesty's during his visit to Breslau is now going the rounds of the press. Speaking at the regimental mess he is quoted as having said: "The cowardly German bourgeoise cannot be relied upon in warfare against Socialists."

Mr. Poultney Bigelow had an interview lasting several hours on Sunday with Mr. Miquel, Prussian minister of finance, which occasioned much talk. It is quite untrue, however, that he presented the government with an ultimatum on the subject of the insurance companies.

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A SEAT REDEEMED.

It is difficult to believe that Montreal Centre has gone Liberal by 332 majority and that a Conservative stronghold has been captured, but such is the fact. The greatly belied Hon. James McShane has beaten Sir Wm. Hingston, the much vaunted standard-bearer of the government. Cabinet ministers poured into the constituency, the finance minister used all his influence, the new minister of agriculture developed even more than his usual stock of brass—and the collection is as large as it is motley—money flooded the district, and shameful appeals were made, but all were of no avail against the tide that had set in and which promises to sweep the rump of a once great party from power and consign it to oblivion. Even the ghost of the dead Premier Mercier was raised, although his good and bad actions have long since been buried in the tomb, with the effect only, as is quite natural, of increasing Mr. McShane's popularity and increasing his vote. Remembering that a "brawling brood of boodlers" still continue to dominate the affairs of the Dominion, it is the quintessence of hypocrisy for these people to resurrect the corpse of one who has a large place still in the affections of thousands. Montreal Centre has spoken out against the National Policy and high taxation, and it will send James McShane to parliament at the general election. The best available man was put up against him—we have nothing but kind words to say of him—and he failed to win away the affection of the common people from their truest friend. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the victory, the splendid victory, accentuates the fact that Wilfrid Laurier is to-day the great power in Quebec and that the pigmy Carons and Ouimets pale into insignificance beside their illustrious fellow-countryman. We heartily felicitate that open-hearted Irishman, the member for Montreal Centre, on his magnificent triumph and congratulate the Liberal chieftain upon the endorsement of his policy which has been gained against such fearful odds.—Vancouver World.

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TENDERS

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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage, registered in the Land Registry office at Victoria, B. C., as No. 14753B, in Charge Book Vol. 12, Fol. 35. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of the 6th day of January, 1896, for the purchase of the 100 acre farm described in the mortgage referred to.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

DALBY & CLAXTON,
64 Yates street, Victoria, agents for the Mortgagees. de28-1w

JUST ISSUED.

BROWNLEE & BRADY'S HANDBOOK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING LAWS FOR MINERS, PROSPECTORS AND INVESTORS.

GIVES FULL INFORMATION ABOUT ACQUIRING MINERAL CLAIMS (OTHER THAN COAL) IN B. C. PRICE 25 Cts., FROM J. H. BROWNLEE, BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING, VICTORIA, B. C.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the matter of the Companies Act 1892, and in the matter of the Victoria Jockey Club, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the winding up of the above company by the Supreme Court of British Columbia was on the 23rd. day of December, A. D., 1895, presented to the Honorable the Supreme Court of British Columbia by Robert Beaven and James Stuart Yates as trustees of the estate of Green, Worlock & Company, who are creditors of the said company and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake on the 7th day of January, 1896, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that in the event of an order being made for the winding up of the said company, that application will be made for the appointment of George Shedden, of the city of Victoria, accountant, as liquidator, and any creditor or contributor desirous to oppose the making of an order for the winding up of the said company under this act, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or by his counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributor of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for same.

Dated this 23rd. day of December, A. D., 1895.

BODWELL & IRVING,
No. 2 Broughton street, Victoria, B. C.
Solicitors for Petitioners.

Land Registry Act.

Part (30 acres) of Section 14, Range VI., East, and of Section 14, Range 5, East, South Saanich District.

Whereas the Certificate of Title of Richard James Smith to the above hereditaments, bearing date the 26th June, 1891, has been lost and application has been made for a duplicate of such certificate.

Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.
Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

MEETINGS.

POLITICAL MEETING!

The Opposition candidate, Mr. TEMPLEMAN, and others, will address the electors at CEDAR HILL SCHOOL HOUSE, on MONDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

Col. Prior is invited to attend.

Notice.

Pursuant to the by-laws of the said company, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the company, No. 74 Yates street, in the city of Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m. of that day, for the purpose of choosing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may be brought before said meeting. Immediately after their election, the board of directors will meet to elect officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them.

WM. H. PHIPPS,
December 23rd, 1895. Secretary.

MUNICIPAL

$10 REWARD.

The above mentioned reward is hereby offered for such information as will lead to the conviction of any person or persons breaking the glass of the window of any unoccupied house or other, in the City of Victoria, or damaging in any way any portion thereof, or of the premises appertaining thereto or removing therefrom any article belonging to the said premises, or defacing injuring or destroying any street sign or other property belonging to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1896.

$25.00 REWARD.

The above reward is hereby offered for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons tampering or interfering in any way with any manhole, ventilator, flush tank, or other part of the sewerage system of the City of Victoria, or causing any impediment or obstruction to the proper and effective operation of any portion of the said system, except when acting under instructions from the City Engineer or Sanitary Officer.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1896.

If Sick

After that Christmas "Blow-Out," see that your Prescription is sent to

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P. P. P. P., Government St.

DECEMBER.

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JOSHUA DAVIES

AUCTIONEER,

Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

AGAIN A DEFEAT.

Jacques Cartier has enlarged the procession of Liberal victories. Mr. Charbonneau has defeated the government candidate by a majority of several hundred, the exact figures not being reported at the time of writing. Jacques Cartier went Conservative last election by 276. Its population is largely made up of Catholics, who evidently do not approve of the government's course. The Bowell government is doomed; nothing can save it now.

HE WILL COERCE.

Colonel Prior has given a clear and distinct definition of his position on the Manitoba school question. At the Esquimalt meeting on Saturday night he said, according to the Colonist:—

"WHATEVER MEASURE THE BOWELL GOVERNMENT THINK IT PROPER TO BRING DOWN, I AM GOING TO SUPPORT."

There is no doubt about the character of the measure the government will bring down; the recent utterances of ministers make that clear. It will be a measure to re-establish separate schools in Manitoba in complete defiance of Manitoba's wishes. Colonel Prior has declared himself ready to "go it blind" for coercion. Are Victorians ready to endorse his declaration?

MONTREAL'S DECISION.

Col. Prior and his friends have a great deal to say about the character of James McShane, the Liberal member for Montreal. If Mr. McShane is a man of exceptionally bad character and Sir Wm. Hingston a man of exceptionally good character, as they say, is it not a most surprising thing that the former should have secured a large majority in Montreal Centre, where a large majority was given to the Conservative candidate five years ago? There is evidently a good deal of truth in the following utterance of the Montreal Herald, and what is true of Montreal applies to the Dominion generally: -

"Grim want stalks the streets of Montreal to-day. In almost all directions the factories have been forced to reduce their output, to cut wages, to run short time or to shut down. Skilled labor in great volume is without employment in Montreal. There is in the city an army of skilled artizans who have not earned a dollar in months. The National policy protects only one class, and the wolf is at many a workingman's door in Montreal to-day.

"These things the workingmen of the Centre Division know full well. They have been fooled several times by the assertion that without the National policy hard times must prevail. But they have passed a good many hard winters with the National Policy and have just crossed the threshold of another. They are, therefore, apt to think that as a means to the creation of steady and well paid employment, the National Policy is a glittering fraud and they are not likely to recognize a friend in the candidate of a party which has fastened that policy upon them. The workingmen have only to use their eyes and it will be a long good night to the doctor."

WHAT ABOUT TUPPER?

In the course of a long-winded effusion on the cabinet minister "fake" the Colonist again appeals to the fact that the appointment of cabinet ministers are not gazetted. Admitting this fact, which nobody has disputed, what is to be said of the following dispatch from Minister Tupper, which Colonel Prior and the Colonist paraded as evidence in their favor?

Ottawa, Dec. 26.

"Hon. E. G. Prior, Victoria:

His Excellency informed me last night that he had signed a minute of council approving of your appointment as a member of the cabinet and privy council. Charles Hibbert Tupper."

According to the Colonist, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in this dispatch told a plain, straight falsehood, and had moreover the indecency to drag the governor-general into it. If it were true that Colonel Prior had been made a cabinet minister in the proper sense of the term, there would surely be no need of manufacturing false evidence in this way.

MADE THEIR OWN CHOICE.

There is constant misrepresentation by the Bowell government and their friends of the second judgment on the Manitoba school case delivered by the judicial committee of the Privy Council. That judgment did not require the government to re-esablish separate schools, or to do anything else in particular. Here are the words used by their Lordships:

"The further question is submitted whether the Governor-General-in-Council has power to make the declarations or remedial orders asked for in the memorials and petitions, or has any other jurisdiction in the premises. Their Lordships have decided that the Governor-General-in-Council has jurisdiction, and that the appeal is well founded, but the particular course to be pursued must be determined by the authorities to whom it has been committed by the statute. It is not for this tribunal to intimate the precise steps to be taken."

In the face of these plain words it is pretended that the Privy Council ordered the restoration of the separate school system, and the government of the Dominion falsely assert that they are required to follow this course. It is plain that they were left at liberty to choose their course, and they have chosen coercion. Col. Prior says he is going to support any coercive measure they may propose.

MANITOBA'S POSITION.

Premier Greenway has issued an address to his constituents in connection with the Manitoba provincial elections. On the school question he says:

The menacing attitude assumed by the Dominion government with reference to the educational legislation of the province has made it necessary to take the sense of the electors upon the question thus forced upon them.

On the 21st March last, the Dominion Privy Council hastily issued a remedial order, which commanded the legislature of Manitoba to restore the separate school system as it existed prior to 1890. To this the legislature declined to assent. On the 8th day of July last the Hon. Mr. Foster, speaking for the Dominion government in the House of Commons, stated that a communication would be sent to the Manitoba government to ascertain whether a settlement of the question could be made, and that in the event of a refusal, a session of the Dominion parliament would be called to meet not later than the first Thursday in January next when the Dominion government would "introduce and press to a conclusion such legislation as would afford an adequate measure of relief, based upon the lines of the judgment of the Imperial Privy Council and the remedial order of the 21st of March, 1895." A similar statement was made about the same time in the Senate by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the premier of the Dominion. From the utterances of the members of the Dominion cabinet and from the facts known to all who have watched the controversy, it is clear that nothing short of a separate denominational system of schools will be accepted as an adequate measure of relief.

To the communication forwarded in pursuance of the above announcements by the Dominion government on the 27th of July last inviting the Manitoba government to take such action as would remedy the alleged grievances of the minority, we have replied definitely and positively rejecting the proposal to re-establish separate schools in any form, and expressing the intention to uphold the present uniform non-sectarian system. As the federal parliament is about to be asked to legislate upon this subject, it is of the utmost importance that the views of the electors of the province should be clearly and unmistakably expressed.

I assert that our people are perfectly competent to deal with their own educational concerns, and I resent the imputation that they have treated any portion of the community with injustice or a spirit of intolerance. I protest against the proposed action of the Dominion government in inviting parliament to destroy our national school system without investigation and in ignorance of the circumstances.

If your votes are overwhelminly in favor of the stand taken by the government, there is no doubt that the views of the members of the Dominion parliament will be materially affected thereby, and coercive legislation may be altogether averted.

Unfortunately the utterances of Sir Charles Tupper and other ministers recently have indicated that the Dominion government will pay no attention to the voice of Manitoba, however strongly expressed. Coercion is their programme, and coercion they will try, regardless of Manitoba's views or desires. There can be no mistakes about their intentions when they are thus set forth by Sir Charles Tupper on a public platform:

"There was no one who could say that the government was not pledged up to the handle to introduce and enact remedial legislation on the lines of the remedial order of March last."

It is for Victorians to say whether they sympathize with Maniteba or with the people who are pledged to coerce Manitoba.

A Mr. McLellan, of St. Catharines, speaking at Afton (Cardwell) in favor of the Conservative candidate, asserted that as a matter of fact thirteen of the names on Mr. Stubbs' nomination paper were also on that of Mr. Henry, the Liberal candidate, showing that the object of the McCarthyites was to destroy the government irrespective of principles." The Liberals appear to have had things their own way in Cardwell.

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor:—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp:—Mr. Edward Lambert. P. O. Box 55, Jarvis, Ont.

—See the prize puzzle in the window at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St. *

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SATIN, all colors, beautifully embroidered with steel bead work and plain.
BATH SLIPPERS, very convenient and comfortable.
HOUSE SLIPPERS, assorted colors worsted.
WOOLLEN CROCHET SLIPPERS, many beautiful colors, very cosy.

The Prices of Ladies' and Misses' Black Cloth Leggings and Children's Tan Leggings have been carved down low—from 25 to 50 per cent.

A. B. Erskine,

Corner Government & Johnson Sts.

DON'T BE STEERED.

To the Editor: The Colonist and its henchmen have commenced that favorite pastime, "slinging mud." It is a very dangerous practice to indulge in at any time, but more especially by the authors of the present attempt to blacken Mr. Templeman's character. It is not on record, however, that Mr. Templeman ever had his character questioned through his connection with a number of shady real estate transactions; and there is certainly no one who will accuse him of "skipping" from his boarding house in Ottawa or anywhere else. Yet such are the men who attempt to malign an honorable man!

Who are the bunco steerers? and who are being steered? CUMTUX.

GOING IT BLIND.

Col. Prior at Esquimalt (Colonist report): "Whatever Measure the Bowell government think it proper to bring down, I am going to support."

This was in answer to the question: "If you go to Ottawa as Member of Parliament for Victoria will you support the Bowell government in enforcing the remedial order against the wishes of Manitoba?"

—When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Terr., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future. 75 cent bottles for sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver. *

Dominion Election!

MR. WM. TEMPLEMAN

WILL ADDRESS

Public Meetings

Of the Electors of this constituency as follows:

Metchosin, Saturday, December 28.

Parsons' Bridge, Saturday, December 28, at 8 p.m.

Cedar Hill, Monday, December 30.

Victoria West, Tuesday, December 31.

Spring Ridge, Wednesday, January 1.

Other engagements will be announced.

Liberal Association.

A Meeting of the Committee of

POLLING DISTRICT No. 8

(James Bay), will be held at the Colonist Hotel, on MONDAY Evening, the 30th, at 8 p.m.

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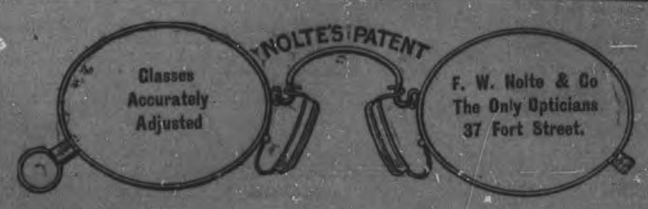

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LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Special agents for papers, magazines and periodicals. J. Johnston, Douglas street. *

—The Y. L. I. leap year dance on January 8th promises to be a very successful affair. Tickets are selling rapidly.

—By using Hall's Hair Renewer, gray, faded, or discolored hair assumes the natural color of youth, and grows luxuriant and strong, pleasing everybody.

—Conference of Christians, New Year's day, 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m., Gospel Hall, Yates street. Prayer, Praise and Ministry of the Word. All Christians invited. *

Archie Reid, who was committed for trial for stealing $40 from Dr. Wilson, came up before Mr. Justice Crease this morning and elected to be tried at the next assizes.

—The thirty-fifth anniversary of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school was celebrated yesterday. In the morning the sermon was by the Rev. J. F. Betts, and in the evening the Rev. Solomon Cleaver preached to the children. An open session of the Sunday school was held in the afternoon.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Hilton, wife of Squire Hilton, took place yesterday from the family residence, Cadboro Bay road. Rev. Canon Beanlands conducted the funeral services. The pall bearers were: Wm. Thompson, M. F. Campbell, John Murray, James Taitt, John Black, and George Prescott.

—A cask of mixed acid for the powder works at Northfield exploded at the E. & N. R. R. station this morning. For nearly an hour afterwards the atmosphere was stifling in that vicinity, several people becoming ill from inhaling the fumes of the acid. Fortunately no one was near the cask at the time of the explosion, or the result might have been serious.

At a recent meeting of the musical directors of the Victoria College of Music, London, Mr. Leo. Bradley, a well known and capable musician of this city, was duly elected a fellow of the college, his compositions having been accepted and approved by the directors. Prof. Bradley is naturally gratified at having obtained the highest diploma this college grants.

Templeman's Central Committee Rooms, 42 Broad Street.

—Robert Irvine was arrested on Saturday night by Provincial Constable F. Heal, charged with cutting and wounding his wife. Irvine has been at Saanich since the row, during which he seriously cut his wife. On Saturday he drove into town with Constable Heal, who, however, did not know that Irvine was wanted. After leaving Irvine at his home he went down to the provincial office, where he first learned that Irvine was wanted. He immediately returned and made the arrest. Irvine was arraigned in the provincial court this morning, but the case was remanded for a week, as Mrs. Irvine was unable to appear.

THE NOMINATIONS.

Edward Gawler Prior and William Templeman Nominated.

Edward Gawler Prior, merchant, and William Templeman, journalist, were this afternoon nominated as candidates for the House of Commons, at the bye-elections to be held next Monday, January 6th. Col. Prior's nomination paper was signed by J. S. Helmcken, D. Spencer, H. Smith, Thomas Haughton, J. W. Knight, H. Saunders, James Dunsmuir, Wm. Turpel, J. G. Mason, J. Madden, John Parks, W. McKittrick, Simon Leiser, P. A. Babington, Alexander McGregor, Joseph Hunter, W. F. Bullen, R. P. Rithet, E. C. Baker, John Bryden, Thomas Earle, D. R. Ker, Thomas B. Hall, B. R. Seabrook, L. Goodacre, James Muirhead, M. Salmon, E. B. Marvin, J. G. Cox, R. Seabrook, H. C. Macaulay. Attached to the nomination paper were two documents containing other names.

Mr. Templeman was nominated by John Irving, A. N. Richards, George Riley, E. V. Bodwell, W. A. Robertson, Julius Brethour, John Teague, W. J. McKeon, Jr., W. G. Cameron, H. A. Munn, W. J. Dwyer, M. J. Conlin, T. R. McInnes, Richard Hall, John Kinsman, Alexander Wilson, Arthur H. Scaife, John Macmillan, Wm. Humphrey, W. T. Hardaker, Archer Martin, Stephen Jones, Fred W. Weldon, John Grant, James S. Murray, James H. Falconer, John R. Giscome, Thomas Roarke, George R. Jackson, R. L. Fraser, T. W. Patterson, George L. Milne, N. A. Dier, William Marchant.

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WARD COMMITTEES.

A Joint Meeting of All Templeman's Ward Committees To-Night.

A joint meeting of all Mr. Templeman's ward committees and active workers will be held this, Monday, evening at the Central Committee Rooms, 42 Broad street. Important business will come up for consideration and a full attendance is requested.

EXPECTED THIS EVENING.

Hon. Joseph Martin, M. P., Will Probably Arrive on the Louise.

Hon. Joseph Martin arrived at Vancouver yesterday, but owing to the Pacific express being about ten hours late, connection was not made with the steamer for Victoria. Mr. Martin is, however, expected to arrive on the Louise, which is due from New Westminster this evening. During his stay in Victoria Mr. Martin will be a guest of Mr. Archer Martin. Announcement of meetings at which Manitoba's representative will speak will be duly made.

THE DANUBE RETURNS.

A Long and Stormy Voyage in Search of the Disabled Strathnevis.

Early yesterday morning the steamer Danube arrived in port, after a long trip in search of the disabled Strathnevis. The Danube went as far north as 58 degrees and west 137 degrees. During the entire trip she encountered stormy weather, snowing nearly all the time. With the exception of the usual sea sickness, all were well on board. Captain Irving had a very narrow escape. While standing forward a huge sea came over the vessel. It carried the Captain off his feet and hurled him violently against the railing. He was partially stunned, but after a few minutes was himself again. During the entire voyage the Danube met no vessel of any kind. She called at several northern ports and returned from the northern end of the island through the Gulf. Universal regret was expressed on the street that the popular Commodore was unsuccessful in his search, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that all appreciate his enterprise in braving the storms, and risking his vessel in the laudable endeavor to rescue those on the disabled steamer.

RIVER BOTTOM GOLD.

A New Device to Secure the Precious Metal.

Mr. F. W. Young, late of Lytton, who has recently been giving his attention to the proposition to raise gold from the botom of the Fraser at Quesnelle, was in on Monday previous to going to Vancouver and afterwards to Pittsburg. Since last spring until a short time ago, Mr. Youngs has had charge of the dredge at Lytton, built by the Finch company, which is not a large one, but on the whole it had a successful run with some improvements which he introduced. He has been working on the problem of obtaining the gold from the bottom of swift streams, and the result of his study has been an apparatus of entirely new features, which he has just had patented in Canada and the United States. This new machine he will operate on the Fraser above the Cottonwood not far from Quesnelle. As a result of his work, Mr. Youngs concluded that the largest amount of gold was lodged from two or three feet below the boulders, which formed the bottom of the river. To remove large boulders would be out of the question, and to accomplish the required purpose he has devised a means by which the bottom to that depth is agitated without necessarily raising the stones. From the bow of his scow a heavy boom projects, through the end of which, and working on a swivel, passes a heavy casing, enclosing the suction pipe of the pump. At the bottom of this pipe is a heavy piece of iron resembling a knife blade. When in operation the pipe is lowered to the bottom of the stream, drawn like a plow towards the scow by chains carried to a hoisting gear. This loosens the small gravel and sand, which is drawn through the suction pipe and pump to the sluice boxes. The pipe is carried forward from the scow again by another cable, and is thus kept going backward and forward all the time. This part of the machinery is operated by two pony engines travelling on a circular track, so that the dredge can be moved 25 feet backward and forward, and has a swing of 180 degrees. The pump is a powerful one and delivers the water and gravel into the sluice boxes on one side or other of the scow, where with the quicksilver the gold is saved. While a cleanup is going on on one side, the other sluice can be used, so that the machinery is kept constantly employed. The scow is kept in place by speeds opposite the centre of the boat, and stern wheels furnish the motive power. The scow to be built at Quesnelle will be 26x80 feet, or over all, with stern wheel and boom, 126 feet in length. This will be built by lumber from Senator Reid's mill, while Mr. Youngs goes to Pittsburg himself to look after the construction of the machinery, all of which is of his own design, for which the patterns have yet to be made.

The owners of the machinery and grounds will be known as the Pittsburg & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company. The Fraser where they are at work has many small boulders and a few large ones, a class of river bottom especially suitable for work with such apparatus, and as rich diggings were found at that part of the river the prospects for the success of the company are exceptionally good.—Kamloops Sentinel.

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Ladies' Embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs from 10c. each.
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PERSONAL.

S. Tingley is down from the Interior.
A. E. Howse, of Nicola, is in the city.
J. P. Falls returned from the Mainland yesterday.
D. J. Munn, of New Westminster, is at the Driard.
R. Erskine returned from the Mainland yesterday.
Dr. G. L. Milne was a passenger last evening from Vancouver.
W. S. Chambers was a passenger from the Sound last evening.
J. E. Macrae and wife returned from the Sound last evening.
Wm. Sully and Cesari J. Marani, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.
A. B. Oldershaw was a passenger last evening from the Sound.
Richard Jones and wife returned from San Francisco on the Walla Walla.
R. A. Anderson and Wm. Farrell, of Vancouver, are guests at the Driard.
W. J. Kerfoot and bride, of Vancouver, are here on their honeymoon trip. They are at the Driard.
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COMMUNICATIONS

STAND BY MANITOBA.

To the Editor:—In reference to the questions which are at present agitating the public mind, it appears to me that it is a waste of time to discuss whether Mr. Prior is or is not a cabinet minister except in so far as it is necessary to show the duplicity of Premier Bowell and his colleagues and their attempt to juggle with facts.

What we want is something to startle the conscience and awaken the public mind to the seriousness of encouraging separate schools by endorsing Col. Prior, whose acceptance of the discarded shoes of a patriot is the cause of the present contest—If Mr. Wallace, whose shrewdness certainly exceeds that of Mr. Prior, could see no hope of his party doing fairness to Manitoba, should Victoria condone Mr. Prior's attitude on the school question simply because a position and a few dollars attract him to the appointment. It would be a Judas act to elect him. It will not do for us to declare that we have nothing to do with Manitoba's affairs and to ask the Cain-like question, "Am I my brother's keeper." The quarrel with the Dominion government is our quarrel in every sense of the word; it is surely our duty to protest against making our schools alien schools, making them centres for disseminating anti-British teachings and sentiments. See to it that it is not done.

ANTI-SECTARIAN.

WALLACE VS. PRIOR.

To the Editor: The news of cabinet representation for British Columbia came as welcome news to us, but when the circumstance became known that it was not the minister of agriculture portfolio that was offered us, but a controllership caused by the resignation of Mr. Clarke Wallace, our hearts fell below zero. What does this mean? we ask ourselves; at first we could not answer, but gradually the simple truth forces itself upon us and we realize: COERCION FOR MANITOBA and separate schools. What other version could we take from it? Mr. Clarke Wallace refused to be a party to it and resigned, and unhesitatingly Col. Prior accepts the command to do what he (Mr. Wallace) disdains to do. Col. Prior believes in no half measures, but will, if he can hoodwink the electors, become a weak champion of a weaker cause. He has not the courage to give the electors the outline of his government's policy. He says he does not know what they are going to do, but that he is prepared to support them. Mackenzie Bowell says so and so, and he (Prior) believes what Bowell says. Let him answer the following questions fairly and squarely and let the people know where he stands.

First—What will remedial legislation do to adjust matters in the Manitoba school question?

Second—What form will it take?

Third—How will it be applied?

There's a nut to crack—Let him crack it. Never mind what Bowell says, it is Colonel Prior we are dealing with here. Mr. Clarke Wallace foresaw the inevitable, he could not face the question, and rather than dishonor his province and his own name, he resigned. Was he right? If so, Col. Prior is wrong, and if Mr. Wallace was wrong, it is the plain duty of the Col. to show us wherein he erred and justify his own position behind a stronger fort than constitutional weakness or even Mackenzie Bowell's promise of a seat on the cabinet. Pending his explanation I will refrain from further comment, but stand prepared to support

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

To the Editor: Another cloud of dissension has arisen at Ottawa. This time it is over the appointment of Col. Prior. Some of the ministers hold the opinion that under the act which created the office a controller cannot hold a seat in the cabinet, while other members of the ministry declare that he can. It will end by Col. Prior being told that the promise given him by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, although made in good faith, was all a mistake, because the constitution or the act or something else prevents its fulfillment. It appears as if the premier of the Dominion in his anxiety to get some one to fill the place vacated by Clarke Wallace has been rather hasty, and I fear he now finds himself landed in a tight place. British Columbia, it is true, has not yet delivered the goods, but Sir Mackenzie Bowell has given his promissory note as payment in advance. The paper is likely to be dishonored, and cabinet representation for this province is not so certain as some people thought it was. Col. Prior will have cause to exclaim "Save me from my friends."

One word more on the school question. The best proof that the coercion policy of the Ottawa government is wrong is the fact that they hesitated to carry it out, and only at the last moment, when driven into a corner by certain of their supporters, did they undertake to introduce remedial legislation. If their coercion policy is right, why did they hesitate? What induced them to give in at the last moment? The dread of defeat. It is all moonshine to talk of the constitution and obeying the command of the privy council. The constitution has nothing to do with it, and the decision of the privy council left the hands of the government perfectly free to take any course they wished.

The Hudson's Bay Company, when they governed the Northwest, recognized and assisted denominational schools, Catholic, Episcopalian and Presbyterian, but months before Manitoba entered confederation the Hudson's Bay Company's rule was upset, and the people, English as well as French, formed a provincial government. There was no provision made in the laws of the provincial government for schools of any kind, so that in point of fact there was no state-aided education at the time of union. In this particular the lords of the privy council were right when they declared that there were no state-aided schools at the time of the union. One of the first acts of the Manitoba legislature was to establish separate schools, which in 1890 were abolished by the same legislative body. The minority were thus deprived of a privilege which they had enjoyed for over seventeen years. Here is where their lordships of the privy council decided that the minority had ground for an appeal. But the granting of relief was not ordered, nor was the Dominion government commanded to take any particular measures in the premises, although a suggestion was thrown out that the act in force might be supplemented by provisions that would give the relief required. The appeal was heard at Ottawa, and an order-in-council was issued commanding Manitoba to alter its school laws. Instead of addressing itself to both parties in a friendly spirit in order to arrange if possible for supplementary legislation, the majority only were called upon to stand and deliver. Thus the remedial order only tended to agitate instead of to appease. The constitution undoubtedly gives the federal government power to interfere in certain matters relating to the provinces, but the greatest judgment should be used in exercising such interference. It is not the constitution, but the judgment of the Ottawa ministers that is at fault in the Manitoba school question.

Knowing the people of Manitoba as I do, I have no hesitation in saying that had the Dominion government pursued a policy of conciliation instead of the arbitrary course they took, a way could have been found by which the minority would have obtained all they now ask. Bitterness would have been allayed, agitators frowned down and the friendly feeling of the people for each other would have triumphed in bringing them together for a satisfactory settlement of their dispute.

But fight! fight! fight! has been the watchword from the time the remedial order was issued, and fight it will be till a party with a policy of conciliation steps in to settle the difficulty.

ALEXANDER BEGG.

THE VICTORIA POLITICAL BATTLE.

As the day for recording the votes of the elector of Victoria approaches, the contest, judging from the lengthened reports appearing in the press of that city, becomes keener. It is quite evident that Col. Prior will not have the walk-over as his friends anticipated. The Liberals are thoroughly organized and are working with a determination to win. On the other hand, the Conservatives, realizing the weakness of their cause, and the unpardonable blunder their standard-bearer has committed in stepping into the position vacated by Mr. Clarke Wallace in consequence of the policy adopted by the ministry to coerce Manitoba into adopting an educational system regarded by 90 per cent. of the people as inimical to their best interests and a death blow to their national schools, are resorting to tactics which no honorable party should be guilty of. Warfare of this kind always helps rather than injures those against whom such despicable weapons are hurled. Mr. Templeman is in every way an honorable, upright man, one who will not swerve from his principles—and those are of a life-time—no matter what the inducement may be. Those who know him best cannot, we think, speak of him in any other terms. That he will receive a heavy vote goes without saying. Equally true is it that, if elected, he will represent the constituency faithfully and well. In the past some of the representatives of the capital went to Ottawa, not to represent the interests of their constituents, but their own. This was specially noticable in the case of Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare, the latter of whom got his reward for his vote in the notorious Baird case by being appointed postmaster, whilst the latter, in consequence of representations made to the government of Sir John Macdonald, was baulked in his machinations in connection with the controllership of customs. And now it is Col. Prior who is rewarded for his unswerving support of the present and previous administrations, since he first entered the house in 1887, to the pretty tune of $5000. We think that too much is being made out of the question as to whether he is a cabinet minister or merely an outside hireling. The burning issues of the hour are paramount. The questions before the electorate are of greater importance to the whole country. If the electors of Victoria vote against Col. Prior, their doing so will be regarded as a protest from the people of the western capital that the policy of the government is obnoxious to them; that they abhor the action proposed to be taken as regards Manitoba's school and educational system; that they are dissatisfied with the national policy and the whole financial programme of the government, as well as its general tone. An opportunity is afforded the people there to follow in the wake of Card well and Montreal Centre in their denunciation of the Bowell government, the fate of which within a few months will be sealed—unless the omens of the times are to be thrown to the winds.—Vancouver World.

COLONISTIC TRICKERY.

To the Editor:—As one who as yet has not decided how to vote, I am anxious to satisfy myself on two points. First, has the Colonist, the mouthpiece of Col. Prior, explained why it falsified a dispatch from the Montreal Gazette, leaving out the lines which went directly against their contention. Secondly, why did the Colonist fail to quote from the Toronto World the words: "By creating Mr. Wood and Col. Prior members of the Privy Council when matters affecting their departments come up at cabinet meetings, they may be invited to a seat at the council but without a vote," when they gave the Victorians to understand that they had quoted from all the eastern papers. Again, how can the Colonist explain the difference between the wording of the notices in the official Gazette respecting the appointments of Dr. Montague and Col. Prior

VICTORIAN.

JUST A QUESTION?

To the Editor:—I would like to ask who the Mr. Bushby is who delivered a speech at the Conservative meeting at Metchosin. If he is the Mr. George Bushby who holds a position under the public works department of the Dominion government; the man who led the applause for Col. Prior at the meeting held at Esquimalt on Saturday evening? Is it not rather out of place for a public servant to take part in political meetings? It looks very much like the municipal politics we see in the United States. Just imagine Collector Milne or Postmaster Shakespeare taking part in public meetings and canvassing votes for Col. Prior.

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The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Having been called on by a delegation of business men, together with the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers asking me to become a candidate for mayor at the forthcoming election, I willingly comply with their wishes, and, if elected to that honorable position, will to the best of my ability pay strict attention to the duties of the office.

Trusting to you, ladies and gentlemen, for your vote and influence,

I am, yours most respectfully,

A. J. McLELLAN.

To the Electors of Victoria:

The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of Victoria:

As many friends have been kind enough to express a wish that I become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city, I have decided to place myself in your hands, respectfully asking your influence and support.

I shall take an opportunity to express my views upon civic affairs at public meetings.

ROBERT BEAVEN,

December 26, 1895. 4t

The Mayoralty

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Having been solicited by many ratepayers to again offer myself for re-election at the next annual election for Mayor, I have much pleasure in acceding to their request, and beg to announce myself as a candidate for the ensuing year.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

de21-td JOHN TEAGUE.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance.

Returns from the sample of ore taken from the Smuggler claim in Fairview a short time ago, and sent to the Tacoma smelter and also to the syanide works a Vancouver, gave in one case a return of $31 in gold, and in the other $30.

With the exception of the last few days the Chinamen who are engaged at placer mining on Boundary Creek have been steadily running dirt through the sluice boxes and, judging by the activity displayed by the workers, there are still some corners left worthy their attention.

The B. C. Cattle company's last drive of beef cattle to the Rossland camps was taken in by way of Marcus. No more cattle will be supplied to this market by the company until spring, the beef consumed this winter coming by way of the Columbia river from the Northwest Columbia and from Montana over the N. P. R., the same being shipped in a frozen state. It is reported that the B. C. Cattle company supplied during the past summer to the Rossland camps, between 2000 and 3000 head of cattle, and that at remunerative prices.

Gradually the ore body widens out as depth is obtained upon the Anarchist mine in Camp McKinney, as at the present time the vein is over four feet wide and is becoming more and more mineralized as the shaft goes down, which is now some fifty feet deep. Besides being more highly mineralized the ore now frequently shows free gold. Mr. Sidley, the owner, reports an offer having been made by moneyed men to put a 20-stamp mill upon the property for a half interest in the claim, which offer may in all probability be accepted.

KAMLOOPS.

Inland Sentinel.

A find of mineral is reported from Grand Prairie. A short time ago J. Stewart and Shaefer discovered two parallel ledges of mineral not far from the Fish Lake road, which may yet prove valuable. The ledges are about three feet wide and six feet apart, appearing on the face of the rock.

A. E. Humphrey and W. McIntyre, who spent some weeks near Kamloops sometime ago prospecting, have for the past week or two been on the north side of the Thompson river further examining the rocks. When here in the fall they located two claims near Lac la Bois, and during the winter will do work upon them. They have had assays made of samples taken away when here before, which were very satisfactory, and considering the width of the vein they calculate that the property can be developed with profit.

Robert Stevenson, who has spent the summer in Granite Creek constructing flumes, digging ditches, and fitting up the hydraulic plant for the Stevenson Gold & Platinum Hydraulic Mining Company., Ltd., came in by last Friday's Nicola stage. He said they had got the work so far advanced that washing would begin in March, and practically as soon as water was running in the streams. They will have about one thousand inches of water enough for two monitors and they will be working in pay gravel from the start. Mr. Stevenson also put in a saw mill, which will turn out 8000 to 10,000 feet per day, though capable of much more. He brought in three nuggets found near the property, while in one part Chinamen made good wages sluicing. One of the most remarkable mining events of the year in the Similkameen country was the find of copper on the Tulameen on Wolf creek, about seven miles from the Anglo-American company's property. The place is known as Copper mountain. There W. R. Brown and partner, from Kettle river staked out three claims, the Helen, the Garner, and the Discovery. This find, Mr. Stevenson holds, is among the most remarkable in copper in the world. The vein is 400 feet wide and can be traced through three mineral claims, or 4500 feet, and assays have been got from 40 to 70 per cent. copper, 15 or 16 ounces silver, and $6 in gold.

—Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the travelling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver. *

American News.

New York, Dec. 27.—The investigating committee adjourned at six o'clock this evening until ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and the inference from the majority of the statements made by those who were present during the evening session was that the hearing would be very nearly finished by to-morrow afternoon. It was almost impossible to get any tangible idea of what was going on inside the model room of the club house, but the persistent reporters, who were forced to remain on the outside, ascertained that Lord Dunraven was on the stand during the afternoon, and his henchman, Mr. Arthur Glennie, was also subjected to a few questions by Lawyer Choate.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Father John Fitzgerald, accused of complicity in the Charlotte arson case, was arrested this afternoon on complaint of his bondsmen, who feared that he might try to abscond. He made no resistance. He said that Nora Cronin, whom he assaulted last night at the Central station while she was accompanying her convicted brother to Auburn was dragged by the sheriff to make her implicate the priest in the case. Fitzgerald says his arrest is an outrage. Attorney Vanboorsis has told District Attorney Forsythe that he will appeal the Cronin case.

—To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

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AS A LEGISLATOR.

Col. Prior's Record at Ottawa Does Not Say Much for Him.

From our own correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—Lt. Col. Prior has, during his career in parliament, made very few speeches of any kind. What little he has said has been in the direction of military pensions and the like. Last session, however, he rushed to the rescue of the late controller of customs and the government in connection with the duties on hardware, taking occasion in his remarks to sneer at the necessity of any protection to labor. Sir Richard Cartwright brought up in the house a question of customs duties on hardware. Ex-Controller Wallace sent to the United States a Mr. Hawthorne, of the Welland Vale Manufacturing Company, an establishment that controls all the manufactures of agricultural tools, such as axes, etc., made in Canada. The firm has also works at Oshawa and Cote St. Paul. Well, Mr. Hawthorne was engaged by Mr. Wallace as a spy to see what prices were charged by Americans on goods shipped to Canada, so as to prevent, if possible, the Canadian purchaser buying from any other than the highly protected Canadian manufacturer. Mr. Wallace admitted that he had done this. Sir Richard Cartwright said among other things —"I can imagine nothing more improper than for the customs authorities to employ the agent of Canadian protected manufactures in interfering with the importation of goods, and on these men's reports, to take the steps which are already explained by amending the original invoice to the extent of 15 to 30 per cent., and the inflicting of a fine equal to the amount of the amended entry. I can imagine nothing more tyrannical, more unfair, more outrageously in violation of the liberty of the subject than such proceedings if, as I say, these statements remain uncontradicted by the government. And, I must add that if, as I said, these statements are correct, I can imagine nothing which shows more clearly the extent of the servile dependence to which the government of Canada are reduced, the extent to which they are, as I have frequently pointed out, the mere tools of the protected manufacturers' association."

Mr. Wallace followed, admitting that he had done as Sir Richard had said, his excuse being that he was protecting the revenue of the country.

Sir Richard Cartwright—Not a bit of it.

Mr. Wallace—Does the hon. gentleman mean to tell me that when a scythe is entered on a price list of $9, which is sold in the United States for $11 we are levying a duty of 35 per cent. we are not protecting the revenue in revising those invoices?

Sir Richard Cartwright—You are protecting the manufacturers.

Mr. Edgar showed how the law in this case was being utilized as an instrument of tyranny upon the importers of the country so as to increase the profits of the highly protected manufacturer.

Several members took part in the debate and then it came Lt.-Col. Prior's turn. How anxious he was to see that the interests of the highly protected manufacturers were guarded by preventing the Canadian consumer getting any advantage in purchasing American harware will be seen from his opening sentence.

Mr. Prior—As an importer I do not think it would be right for me to be silent on an occasion of this kind, and I feel bound to say a word in defence of the controller of customs. Hon. gentlemen opposite who have spoken on this matter may be very successful politicians, but it seems to me that they are not practical business men. My hon. friend, the controller of customs, as far as I can make out, has done nothing wrong at all. . . . I do not think the laborer who has been spoken about to-day is the only man that wants protection; the honest importer wants protection." In conclusion he again said that he could not hear any attack made on Mr. Wallace for having employed Mr. Hawthorne as he had done in the United States without saying a word in his defence. Mr. Hawthorne, as already said, was a spy on the United States. He was there for the purpose of increasing the profits of his own firm, who controlled the business, and he was paid by the government for so acting.

Mr. Prior is said to be in the hardware business; and therefore was not personally interested in seeing that the Canadian consumer was allowed to obtain his goods as cheaply as possible; but as a public man it would have been more to the purpose if he had been found on the side of the laboring man and the artizan than defending the interests of the monopolist. The working men of Victoria should make a note of this.

In fact on every occasion in which Mr. Prior has addressed the house of commons—and they have been very few since he entered parliament—he has always spoken in favor of combines and in opposition to the interests of the great mass of consumers, more especially the laboring classes. In the session of 1894 he lauded the N. P. to the skies and advocated trade restriction. For instance he said:

"I have the honor to represent a constituency in the province of British Columbia, and I have not the slightest doubt in my own mind that if it was not for this policy under which we are fortunately carrying on the affairs of the country, there would be hardly a trader, hardly a manufacturer, hardly a mechanic who would be making the decent living he is making at the present time. I may be wrong, but this is my firm conviction—and not only is it my firm conviction, but it seems to have been the conviction of the people of British Columbia, if we judge by the result of the elections for the last fifteen years."

So that according to Mr. Prior's own declaration in the house, to return him at the present time would be an endorsement of the policy of the government, and also an endorsement of the manner the government has treated the province in the way of public expenditures in the past. He says, and I have always said so in this correspondence, that the election of Conservatives to support the government in British Columbia was taken here by the government that their treatment of the province was what it should be. The return of Mr. Prior at the present time would mean this. To return one who is opposed to that policy would be the means of showing the government that a genuine dissatisfaction existed on the Pacific slope, with not only the policy of the administration, but more particularly with the niggardly way in which the government treated the province. Does anybody suppose that Mr. Prior would be offered a controllership with $5000 a year if Mr. Laurier had not visited the coast and drawn attention to the misdeeds of the government there? The Liberal leader not only said so in Victoria and at other points in British Columbia, but he repeated his words in parliament. Well, then, if this had so much good effect upon the government, how much more would it have if a Liberal was returned at the present time by the people of Victoria. When the people of Winnipeg got an opportunity two years ago to pass upon the policy of the government, they did so by returning Hon. Joseph Martin. Will Victoria act in its own interests in the same way, or will it continue to support a government in return for the neglect that has characterized the whole course of the government in its dealings with the province? Take the case of the postoffice employes. But for the determined attitude of the Liberal press upon that occasion, what would have been the result?

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MRS. JAMES McRITCHIE AND DAUGHTER.

A leading local physician, whose profession takes him among the children of the various public institutions, remarked to the writer, that one would hardly believe that so many children were affected by nervous troubles, which sap the system and prevent proper development. In many cases the doctors are powerless to cure these troubles. They can relieve the suffering little ones, but in South American Nervine we have a medicine that does more than simply give relief. Its peculiar strength is that it completely cures where physicians relieve. A case in point came to us the 24th ult., in a letter from Mr. James W. McRitchie of Bothwell, Ont. He says:—"My daughter Maggie, aged 9 years, was afflicted with nervous fainting spells for over a year, which left her in such a condition of weakness afterwards that the child was practically an invalid. We tried several remedies and doctored with her in one way and another, but nothing gave relief. Seeing South American Nervine advertised, as particularly efficacious in nervous diseases, I decided on trying it for her, and I must say that I noticed a decided change in my daughter for the better after she had taken only a few doses. As a result of using this medicine, she is now entirely free from those fainting spells and possessed of that life and brightness that is the happy lot of childhood. I am satisfied it is an excellent medicine for any nervous weakness. My experience has been further supplemented in the fact that my wife has also been using South American Nervine for indigestion, dyspepsia and nervous prostration, and has found very great relief."

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A Furious Blow Encountered by the Schooner Six Miles from Cape Flattery.

Isaac Brewer, an able-bodied seaman on board the schooner Mascot was washed overboard, and David Green, another member of the crew, severely injured by the terrific storm that raged outside of Cape Flattery yesterday morning. The Mascot, in charge of Capt. Lorenz, left port on Saturday and was on her way to Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands, for Indian hunters when the accident occurred. During Saturday night the sea was quite calm, but about five o'clock on Sunday morning, when the vessel was six miles beyond the Cape, she encountered terrific cross seas that washed completely over her.

After the first sea washed over her, all the men were ordered to reef the sails. While doing this another sea washed over the vessel, and Brewer must have been then carried overboard, as he was never seen afterwards. He was not missed at the time by the rest of the crew, as it was quite dark, but the mate afterwards discovered that there was one man missing. Green was thrown by the force of the sea and received rather severe internal injuries. He was taken to the marine hospital this morning and examined by Dr. John Duncan, who found that there were no bones broken. The Mascot returned to Royal Roads after the accident, and she was towed into the inner harbor by the tug Sadie. Brewer was about 25 years of age. He had no relatives in this city, having come here from Portland, Oregon. Capt. Lorenz reports the storm one of the worst he ever encountered, and although the Mascot is one of the most seaworthy schooners leaving the harbor, she had all she could do to weather the storm. The other sealing vessels which left the harbor put into San Juan for shelter.

The Albion Iron Works will to-morrow have completed her small contract on the government steamer Quadra, now in the Esquimalt dry dock. The ship is now in exactly the same condition as before her accident. Several of the garboard plates were removed from the ship's bottom and the keel examined. It is not broken, but, in one place, was slightly scored. When this part of the keel, after being at the Albion Iron Works for repairs, was being lowered into the dock, it slipped out of the sling and in falling to the bottom of the dock broke into two parts. This accident necessitated the keel being returned to the shop for welding together, which was immediately done. The dented plates, three in number, have been straightened and two new plates supplied: being all that was found necessary. The next occupant of the dock will be H. M. S. Satellite.

A cablegram received Saturday from Glasgow announces that the owners of the Strathnevis will forward a new propeller for her from Liverpool next week. It will take three weeks for it to get here. The lighthouse tender Columbine left Portland Saturday for Destruction Island, south of Cape Flattery, to search for Purser McDonald and the Japanese sailors that left the Strath nevis with him. Capt. Pattie thinks they landed on Destruction Island and are quartered at the lighthouse there.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPLY.

To the Letters of Mr. Spragge Which Appeared in the Times.

At Saturday's meeting of the Board of Health, the medical health officer was instructed to reply to the letter of Mr. D. Spragge, which appeared in the Times. Here are the replies:

Victoria, Dec. 30, 1895.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Health, Victoria.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to enclose a statement of the facts connected with the treatment of Mr. Spragge's family on Menzies street, some of whom were affected with the scarlet fever.

Miss Spragge, aged 17 years, stated she was taken ill on November 12th, with scarlet fever. At that time her two brothers were in the convalescent stage of the disease, were up and allowed to go around the house, except in the drawing room, which had not been used during the illness. None of these cases were reported to me either by the attending physician or the householder, of which fact I informed you by letter dated November 17th, when the house was quarantined.

On December 12th Mr. Spragge requested the quarantine on his house to be removed, as he was anxious to return to his family for Christmas, and in order to concur with his wishes, if practicable, I went with him on the following Sunday to his house, and after bringing Mrs. Spragge to the door it was agreed that on the following Wednesday the whole family should be taken to the hospital and remain there over night while the residence was being disinfected, Miss Spragge, still ill, to be left at the hospital until fully recovered from the disease.

I then departed and telephoned the sanitary inspector what arrangements were made, and requested him to see to they were carried out. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spragge appeared to be satisfied and were willing that their daughter should remain at the hospital until fully recovered, for, I explained to them that unless this was done the quarantine on their house could not be removed for six weeks from the date of commencement of Miss Spragge's illness. Removing quarantine of the house at that time was done as a favor to Mr. Spragge; there was no compulsion about it and had they requested, the driver would have returned at a more convenient day for them.

I may add that Miss Spragge, now at the hospital, had not finished the desquamation (peeling) stage of the disease.

The report of the sanitary inspector and caretaker of the isolation hospital in connection with this case are hereto annexed.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEO. H. DUNCAN,
Medical Health Officer.

Dr. George Duncan, Medical Health Officer of the City of Victoria.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request to submit a statement of the method adopted re the removel of the Spragge family from Menzies street and the fumigating of their residence, I have the honor to report as follows: After receiving your orders to have the matter attended to I called on Mr. Spragge and appointed 3 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 18th, as the hour Mr. Shaw, the caretaker of the isolation hospital, would call with the conveyance for the removal of the Spragge family. Owing to the horse losing a shoe the driver was delayed about three-quarters of an hour. The conveyance is a platform gear, light and good, easy springs, fit for prince or potentate to ride in. It has no top, but there is always on hand a plentiful supply of good woollen blankets to keep the occupants warm. We have also a good ambulance to carry the sick, one of the best conveyances in the city, but the strong and healthy object to riding in the same. We give them their choice. I may also state for your information that Mr. Spragge desired to be present when his house was being fumigated, and I waited until 4:30 p.m. so that he might be present. Extra precautions were taken so as to do no damage, and he was present and assisted in the work and appeared to be satisfied. I have always found Mr. Shaw, the driver who removes citizens to the hospital, a very careful man. Kind and courteous in his treatment to men, women and children alike with whom he has come in contact with in the discharge of his duties. In conclusion I may say that I am sorry Mr. Spragge saw fit to rush into print to find fault with the methods adopted by the Board of Health, as I consider that the treatment accorded him and his family was kind and courteous and deserved praise instead of censure. Hoping this explanation will prove satisfactory, I have the honor to remain, your obedient servant.

M. J. CONLIN,
Sanitary Inspector, City of Victoria

WANT EQUAL CITIZENSHIP.

A Serious Crisis Pending in the South African Republic.

Johannesburg, South Africa, Dec. 30.—The political crisis here, brought about by the efforts of the foreign population to obtain equal political rights with the Boers, has reached a most acute stage. The exodus of women and children is increasing. All trains leaving are crowded, food and fuel have become high-priced, all kinds of rumors are current and the government has notified the burghers to be ready for active service in case of emergency. The mercantile Association has formed itself into a town body guard for the purpose of preserving order and protecting life and property. President Kruger, in an interview, expressed regret at the present agitation, and said: "If the position is aggravated, many disastrous consequences may be apprehended, especially in mining and commercial enterprises. The present attitude of the Uitlanders is not conducive to a calm consideration of their alleged grievances. The government will give them an opportunity of free speech on their grievances if such does not incite to rebellion, but the government is fully prepared to stop any movement aiming at disturbance of law and order."

—The prosecution closed their case this morning against Dr. J. K. Garrow and Henry Creech, the brothers of the deceased girl being the last witnesses. The evidence taken at the coroner's inquest was admitted and the defense then opened their case. They introduced evidence to counteract that produced by the prosecution regarding Creech's buggy, which witnesses said had been left outside Dr. Garrow's house.

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THE UNKNOWN TONGUE.

Lamentable Ignorance of English Among College Men.

The committee of the overseers of Harvard College on composition and rhetoric have felt themselves compelled to issue a second report on the lamentable ignorance of English which they still find in the compositions of those who are entering college, and Professor Goodwin has made this report the subject of an admirable letter on the condition of English instruction in our schools.

It does not need the authority of Harvard College to convince us that a thorough education in the English language is very rare in this country, and that the use of good English is the exception rather than the rule. This is only natural in a society so largely mixed with foreign elements from the poorer populations of Europe, and it is also partly the result of deficiency in our educational advantages at an earlier date.

But the young men who go up to pass the entrance examination at Harvard, or at any other of the great colleges, are a special and selected class. They belong to the intellectual aristocracy of the country. When we are told that the ignorance of English among these chosen and favored few is lamentable, the situation is indeed serious.

It becomes only more serious when we follow Professor Goodwin back from the gates of the college, through the academy, and into the preparatory school. Here the professor stops, but he leaves a feeling that he has not traced the evil to its source. The sad truth, the real difficulty, is that bad habits of English are formed before the child goes to school.

This is lamentable and in every way regrettable. No living language is richer, stronger, sweeter, or better adapted to every purpose than English, and failure to appreciate it or utilize it to its highest capacity is a reproach under which we should not be willing to rest. To call attention to this reproach is the beginning of its removal, and the continuance of the work should be the congenial duty of all lovers of good English.—Harper's Weekly.

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Cable News.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Le Temps, discussing protection to-day, says: "We in Europe protect ourselves piecemeal against our neighbors and none of us see that the only effective protection to originate is one including the whole of Europe against our great and powerful rival across the Atlantic.

American News.

New oYrk Dec. 30.—Robt. F. Walsh, scientist, historian and naturalist, died in Bellevue Hospital this afternoon. He was seized with pneumonia a week ago. He was the author of several essays and books, of which the best known work is his life of Charles Stewart Parnell. He was recognized by official departments at Washington as one of the most thorough fish experts in the country, and as also a musician of no little ability.

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